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USP 5,099,710 corresponds to JP No. 2734583 and cited and discussed on page 1 of the above and identified specification.

USP 5,286,240 corresponds to JP-A- No. 5-39850 and cited and discussed on page 1 of the above and identified specification.

USP 5,830,103 corresponds to JP-A- No. 9-317838.

JP-A- No. 11-51141 and JP-A-No. 11-210855 are cited and discussed on page 2 of the above and identified specification.

English language abstracts, submitted herewith constitute a concise statement of relevance for JP-A- Nos. 8-291850, 2000-346159, 10-132045 and 11-182647.

JP-A- 2001-132808 corresponds to USSN no. 09/695,906 and cited and discussed in the specification.

English language abstracts submitted herewith constitute a concise statement of relevance for JP Nos. 2629786 and 3376910.

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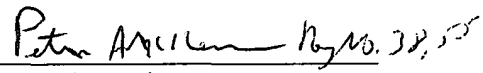


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